

Annual Report of  
The Town Council  
of the Town of Bloomfield  
==1917==

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Council of the Town  
of Bloomfield

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TOWN COUNCIL

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FREDERICK SADLER, Mayor

*First Ward*

EDWARD J. HUGHES

HERBERT C. FARRAND

*Second Ward*

FRED STORM

FREDERICK W. TOMPSON

*Third Ward*

THEODORE ANDERSON

HENRY ALBINSON





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## STANDING COMMITTEES

*Building*—Farrand  
*Finance*—Hughes  
*Fire*—Albinson  
*Lighting*—Anderson  
*Law*—Anderson  
*Ordinance*—Storm  
*Police*—Storm  
*Poor*—Hughes  
*Public Grounds*—Tompson  
*Roads*—Albinson  
*Railroad and Transportation*—Tompson  
*Taxes and Assessment*—Anderson  
*Scavenger*—Storm  
*Sewer*—Farrand  
*Sidewalks*—Anderson  
*Water*—Tompson  
*Supplies and Stationery*—Farrand

## REPORT OF THE MAYOR

*Gentlemen of the Town Council:*

It has been taken as a matter of course, during the past ten years at least, that at the reorganization meeting the Mayor has submitted to the Council his suggestions and recommendations respecting the various departments of the Town's business, and I shall endeavor at this time to place before you such recommendations:

Our finances are now in such excellent shape that little need be said on this subject. It is very pleasing, however, to be able to say that, notwithstanding the steady increase in prices of both labor and material of all kinds, we have this year, as well as in the past three years, kept well within the appropriations. With the very unusual conditions that we are bound to face during the coming year, due to the war, the most careful attention should be paid to expenditures in all departments, and no money should be spent except where absolutely necessary for the comfort of the people.

We have as yet not solved the problem of road maintenance and as travel increases it becomes more vexatious. We have resurfaced and repaired a good many miles of road in the past year. On such avenues as Belleville Avenue, where travel is exceptionally heavy, the repairs do not last long, and the results are not satisfactory. I can only repeat what I said last year in reference to these roads, that it will be necessary to either repave or resurface with some other material which will withstand the heavy traffic.

More sewer facilities have been added, and extended in various streets, notably Franklin Street, where an extensive system has been constructed, which will undoubtedly overcome flooding of that street. In connection with the Passaic Valley Trunk project, there has been considerable work done toward entering into a contract for our portion of the allotment, and we hope this coming year that we will have a contract executed.

Our water system has been extended with the laying of additional mains, but we have not extended or improved it as much as we would have liked to on account of the high cost of material and the scarcity of labor.

We have installed a scavenger system of our own. It has been in operation for the past four months, and, while it has taken some little time to secure the necessary equipment for this new department, the service rendered to date has been very satisfactory; we hope that with the coming year it will increase its efficiency.

Our fire department is now in first-class shape, with the addition to the service of the motor-driven apparatus for Excelsior Hose Company no further expenditures for apparatus should be necessary for some time. I am, however, strongly of the opinion that the Brookdale and Montgomery Companies should be continued. While motor-driven apparatus is the last word in fire-fighting apparatus, still it is a fact that with a heavy snow it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, for motor-driven apparatus to reach out-lying districts, and for the small extra cost and also for the large risks involved it would seem very unwise to leave these sections unprotected.

While it has no bearing whatever on the government of the Town, it is particularly pleasing to me to be able to say that Bloomfield has done her full share in all matters pertaining to the war, and at this time I want to thank the citizens who have so loyally supported me in every way, whenever called.

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REPORT ON AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 1917.

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## THE AUDITORS' LETTER

*To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the Town of Bloomfield, New Jersey:*

GENTLEMEN: As the result of our annual audit of the accounts of the Collector and the Treasurer, also the Town Clerk, Sinking Fund Commission, Shade Tree Commission, and Board of Health of the Town of Bloomfield, to December 31, 1917, we have prepared and submit herewith the statements shown on the Index immediately following, together with our Comments thereon.

Respectfully yours,

LOOMIS, SUFFERN & FERNALD,

*Certified Puublic Accountants.*



# GENERAL TOWN—COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

## CURRENT RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

### RESOURCES.

	December 31, 1917.	December 31, 1916.	Increase.
Cash .....	\$ 29,577 32	\$ 34,674 69	*\$ 5,097 37
Unpaid Taxes—Schedule No. 1 .....	163,956 32	145,318 10	18,638 22
Bank Stock Tax Receivable .....	1,885 39	1,770 39	145 00
Due from Borough of Glen Ridge .....	148 03	28 20	119 83
Shade Tree Commission Loan (net) .....	.....	467 00	* 467 00
Sinking Fund Commission—Over-payment .....	.....	34 80	* 34 80
Shade Tree Commission—Over-payment .....	23 00	.....	23 00
	<u>\$ 195,590 06</u>	<u>\$ 182,293 18</u>	<u>\$13,296 88</u>
Improvement Accounts:			
General Sewer Assessments .....	\$ 378 63	\$ 543 59	*\$ 164 96
Miscellaneous Assessments:			
Total Uncollected Balances—Schedule No. 2.	\$101,545 83	\$135,679 73	
Less—Pledged .....	37,229 15	71,345 30	
Unpledged .....	\$ 64,316 68	\$ 64,334 43	* 17 75
Expenditures for Improvements not yet completed .....	46,764 48	40,598 06	6,166 42
Total Miscellaneous Assessments.....	\$111,081 16	\$104,932 49	
House Sewer Connection Assessments .....	\$ 1,151 56	\$ 1,780 20	* 628 64
Shade Tree Assessments .....	170 50	340 50	* 170 00
	<u>112,781 83</u>	<u>107,596 78</u>	<u>\$ 5,185 07</u>
	<u>\$ 308,371 91</u>	<u>\$ 289,889 96</u>	<u>\$18,481 95</u>

### LIABILITIES.

	December 31, 1917.	December 31, 1916.	Increase.
Accounts Payable:			
Sundry .....	\$ 4,696 13	\$ 4,672 59	
Improvements—Retained Percentages .....	3,032 44	3,681 04	
Damage Awards .....	46 15	16,220 95	
Town's Share of Improvements .....	2,637 67	623 45	
Due on Property taken on Tax Sale .....	.....	4,594 87	
Over-payment of Dog Licenses .....	.....	31 00	
Sinking Fund Commission .....	9 36	.....	
	<u>\$ 10,421 75</u>	<u>\$ 29,823 90</u>	<u>*\$19,402 15</u>
Accrued Interest:			
On Bonds .....	\$ 11,111 87	\$ 10,593 55	
On Notes .....	1,544 26	851 18	
	<u>12,656 13</u>	<u>11,444 73</u>	<u>1,211 40</u>
Advance Payments on house connections to be assessed.	\$ .....	\$ 100 00	* 100 00
House Sewer Connections paid but not installed .....	.....	300 00	* 300 00
Reserve for Remission of Taxes .....	20,687 26	11,765 09	8,922 17
Reserve for Property Expenses .....	90 00	20 00	70 00
	<u>20,777 26</u>	<u>12,185 09</u>	
Notes Payable—Schedule No. 5 .....	83,903 27	95,495 23	* 11,591 96
Revenue Surplus—Exhibit "C" .....	180,613 50	140,941 01	39,672 49
	<u>\$ 308,371 91</u>	<u>\$ 289,889 96</u>	<u>\$18,481 95</u>

# COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET (Continued)

## CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

### RESOURCES.

Town Properties—Schedule No. 3 .....	\$1,512,238 51	\$1,514,949 01	*\$ 2,710 50
General Improvements .....	52,235 43	49,597 76	2,637 67
Railroad Improvements .....	31,349 07	31,349 07	.....
Automobile Fire Apparatus .....	14,600 00	12,950 00	1,650 00
Assessments Receivable—Pledged—Schedule No. 2 ..	37,229 15	71,345 30	* 34,116 15
Scavenger Equipment .....	3,140 66	.....	3,140 66
Sinking Fund Commission—Schedule No. 4 .....	122,161 34	100,863 07	21,298 27

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Board of Health Cash Account—Exhibit "D" .....	\$1,772,954 16	\$1,781,054 21	*\$ 8,100 05
Shade Tree Commission Cash Account—Exhibit "E" ..	549 15	21 96	\$ 527 19
Police Pension Fund Cash Account .....	71 15	928 64	* 857 49
	6,785 21	5,290 22	1,494 99
	\$ 7,405 51	\$ 6,240 82	\$ 1,164 69

### LIABILITIES.

Bonded Indebtedness—Schedule No. 6 .....	\$1,055,500 00	\$1,072,500 00	*\$17,000 00
Capital Surplus—Exhibit "C" .....	717,454 16	708,554 21	8,899 95
Board of Health, Shade Tree Commission, and Police Pension Fund Accounts .....	\$1,772,954 16	\$1,781,054 21	*\$ 8,100 05
			\$ 1,164 69

\*Decrease,  
Exhibit "A"

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE—	Year 1917.	Year 1916.
Taxes Levied (after Additions and Deductions) .....	\$439,264 35	\$377,422 33
Less—County Assessment .....	157,773 43	123,779 16
Bank Stock Tax .....	\$281,490 92	\$253,643 17
	1,885 39	1,770 39
Net Taxes for Municipal Purposes .....	\$283,376 31	\$255,413 56
Miscellaneous:		
Franchise Tax .....	\$ 15,147 85	\$ 14,297 69
Track and Car Licenses .....	1,734 20	1,734 20
Excise Licenses .....	10,026 00	10,276 00
Moving Picture Licenses .....	200 00	900 00
Junkmen's and Peddlers' Licenses .....	451 50	446 00
Other Licenses .....	1,278 25	597 25
Searches .....	971 00	867 00
Builders' Permits .....	1,680 50	1,697 00
Costs on Delinquent Taxes .....	1,015 73	952 41
Engineering on Improvement Work Assessed .....	529 33	445 33
Advertising on Improvement Work Assessed .....	30 41	15 05
House Sewer Connections .....	1,920 00	1,760 00
House Sewer Connection Assessments .....	177 45	760 00
Scavenger Service .....	93 92	.....
Interest:		
On Delinquent Taxes .....	4,885 73	3,175 99
On Bank Deposits .....	1,250 36	1,094 11
On Improvements Assessed .....	345 99	464 24
On House Sewer Connection Assessments.....	90 07	29 48
Police Court Fines .....	857 00	759 40
Miscellaneous .....	766 34	919 27
Total Miscellaneous Revenue .....	\$ 43,451 63	\$ 41,190 42
Total Revenue available for General Town		
Expenditures .....	\$326,827 94	\$296,603 98



# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

(Continued)

EXPENDITURES.	Year 1917.				Year 1916.	
	Original Appropriations.	Additions.	Total		Unexpended	
			Authorized Expenditures.	Expenditures Schedule No. 7.	Balance of Appropriations.	Expenditures.
Police Department .....	\$ 30,500 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 30,700 00	\$ 30,685 73	\$ 14 27	\$ 24,495 81
Fire Department .....	13,750 00	610 00	14,360 00	14,419 80	† 59 80	13,791 93
Street Lighting .....	21,750 00	75 00	21,825 00	21,664 22	160 78	20,957 34
Care of Poor .....	5,750 00	* 200 00	5,550 00	4,463 70	1,086 30	5,135 25
Streets and Highways .....	22,000 00	755 00	22,775 00	22,913 67	† 138 67	21,723 38
Incidental .....	32,500 00	* 1,460 00				
Miscellaneous Revenue .....		43,451 63	74,491 63			
General Expenditures .....				40,691 56		41,460 61
Sewers .....				5,079 16		3,871 41
Interest on Town Notes .....				3,735 77		3,409 77
Board of Health .....				3,881 50		3,365 26
Shade Tree Commission .....				3,250 00		2,800 00
Reserve for Remission of Taxes .....				5,000 00	12,853 64	5,000 00
Interest on Bonds .....	39,500 00		39,500 00	39,145 82	354 18	38,570 09
Police Pension Fund .....	1,025 00		1,025 00	1,025 00		883 00
Sinking Fund .....	12,000 00		12,000 00	12,000 00		11,950 00
Board of Education .....	99,900 00		99,900 00	99,900 00		90,546 67
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Total Appropriations and Ad- ditions .....	\$278,675 00	\$ 43,451 63	\$322,126 63			
Total Authorized Expenditures .....				14,270 70	\$ 14,270 70	
Unexpended Balance of Appro- priations—Exhibit "C" ....						
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Total Expenditures .....			\$307,855 93	\$307,855 93		\$287,960 52
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures .....				18,972 01		8,643 46
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				\$326,827 94		\$296,603 98

\*Deductions. †Deficit.  
Exhibit "B"

# STATEMENT OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT

January 1 to December 31, 1917.

## REVENUE SURPLUS.

Balance of Revenue Surplus—January 1, 1917 .....	\$140,941 01
Decrease during year by Capital Expenditures:	
Payment on Principal of 1915 Funding	
Bonds .....	\$23,000 00
Part of Purchase of Fire Apparatus .....	3,000 00
Part of Purchase of Scavenger Equipment .....	3,140 66
Town's share of Cost of Improvements....	2,637 67
	<u>\$31,778 3</u>
Increase during year by Refund for Capital Expenditures:	
School Construction Notes paid by proceeds of Bond Issue .....	\$33,000 00
Proceeds of Sale of Power Property .....	2,710 50
	<u>35,710 50</u>
Net Increase from Capital Accounts .....	3,932 17
	<u>\$144,873 18</u>
Increase from Revenue:	
Interest on Improvement Assessments .....	\$ 4,092 79
Interest on General Sewer Assessments .....	165 85
Taxes collected for years 1873-1899 .....	709 73
Accounts Payable of 1916 written off .....	423 57
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations—Exhibit "B" .....	14,270 70
Damage Awards on Lackawanna Place Opening written off .....	16,174 80
	<u>\$35,837 44</u>
Less—Improvement Costs written off .....	97 12
Total Increase from Revenue .....	<u>35,740 32</u>
Balance of Revenue Surplus, Dec. 31, 1917—Exhibit "A" .....	\$180,613 50

## CAPITAL SURPLUS.

Balance of Capital Surplus—January 1, 1917 .....	\$708,554 21
Increase during year by Expenditures from Current Funds .....	\$31,778 33
Decrease during year by Reimbursement to Current Funds .....	35,710 50
	<u>Net Decrease .....</u>
	3,932 17
	<u>\$704,622 04</u>
Net Increase during year through Sinking Fund:	
Appropriation from Town Budget .....	\$12,000 00
Special Appropriation from Town for 1915 Funding	
Bonds .....	9,500 00
Interest on Improvement Assessments pledged .....	5,521 32
Interest on Sinking Fund Investments .....	3,815 80
	<u>\$30,837 12</u>
Less—Interest paid on 1913 Improvement Bonds .....	6,500 00
Net Increase through Sinking Fund .....	<u>24,337 12</u>
	<u>\$72,959 16</u>
Depreciation on Fire Apparatus—10% on \$13,500.....	\$ 1,350 00
Cancellation of Assessments on Lackawanna Place Opening .....	10,155 00
	<u>11,505 00</u>
Balance of Capital Surplus, Dec. 31, 1917—Exhibit "A" .....	\$717,454 16
Exhibit "C"	



# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

## Receipts—

Taxes Collected—1873-1917 .....	\$120,556 72
Less—Paid to County Collector .....	157,773 43
Net Taxes to Town Treasurer .....	\$262,783 29
Bank Stock Tax—1916 .....	1,770 39
Interest on Delinquent Taxes .....	4,885 73
Costs on Delinquent Taxes .....	1,015 73
Franchise Taxes—including Track and Car Licenses .....	16,882 05
Licenses—All kinds .....	11,924 75
Municipal Searches .....	971 00
Commissioner's Searches .....	278 74
Police Court Fines .....	857 00
Builders' Permits .....	1,680 50
Interest on Unpledged Assessments .....	4,092 79
Interest on General Sewer Assessments .....	165 85
Interest on House Sewer Connection Assessments .....	90 07
Interest on Bank Deposits .....	1,250 36
Miscellaneous .....	52 25
Scavenger .....	93 92
Collection of Unpledged Assessments .....	\$29,555 17
Collection of House Sewer Connection Assessments .....	628 64
Collection of Special House Sewer Connections .....	1,620 00
Collection of General Sewer Connection Assessments .....	164 96
Collection of Shade Tree Assessments—1914 and prior....	114 00
Collection of Shade Tree Assessments—1915, 1916 & 1917 .....	891 10
Interest on Power Property paid on redemption .....	32,973 87
Rent of Fire Houses for Election Purposes .....	111 46
Sale of Old Fire Wagon .....	150 00
Return of Insurance Premium .....	40 00
Sale of Supplies .....	3 75
Rent of Henn Property .....	5 00
Rent of Power Property .....	90 00
Redemption of Property, taken by Town at Tax Sale .....	60 00
Collected for Pledged Assessments .....	2,650 10
Interest from Pledged Assessments .....	23,961 15
Return of Shade Tree Commission Loan .....	5,521 32
	500 00

## Proceeds of Sale of School Bonds:

Face of Bonds .....	\$33,000 00
Accrued Interest .....	110 00
	33,110 00
Borrowed on Notes .....	105 903 27
Refund of part of purchase money for Scavenger Equipment .....	595 52
Refund of part of purchase money for Fire Apparatus .....	594 50
Total Receipts—General Town .....	\$515,064 36
Balance in Banks—January 1, 1918 .....	34,674 69

\$549,739 05

## Disbursements—

General Appropriations .....	\$286,257 52
Town's share of Improvements Assessed .....	\$ 623 45
General Improvements—To be assessed .....	33,576 46
Improvement Accounts Payable .....	1,764 78
	35,964 69
Sinking Fund—Collection of Pledged Assessments:	
Improvement Bonds—1919 .....	\$29,438 31
Funding Bonds—1915 .....	23,000 00
	52,438 31
Shade Tree Commission—Collection of Assessments .....	891 10
New Fire Apparatus .....	3,594 50
New Scavenger Equipment .....	3,386 18
Notes paid off .....	117,495 23
Accounts of 1916 paid .....	4,016 19
Accrued Bond Interest of 1916—paid .....	10,593 55
Accrued Interest of 1916 on Notes paid .....	851 18
Sewer Maintenance for Glen Ridge .....	58 81
Purchase of Property at Tax Sales .....	4,614 47

Total Disbursements .....

Balance in Bank—General Town Account—December 31, 1917.....

\$549,739 05



# STATEMENT OF UNPAID TAXES

December 31, 1917.

Levy of 1900	\$ 2,324 67
" " 1901	1,300 92
" " 1902	1,264 84
" " 1903	1,165 94
" " 1904	2,500 71
" " 1905	2,609 10
" " 1906	3,255 13
" " 1907	2,753 64
" " 1908	2,902 41
" " 1909	2,832 41
" " 1910	2,271 88
" " 1911	2,490 05
" " 1912	1,829 03
" " 1913	1,939 56
" " 1914	2,267 18
" " 1915	2,614 49
" " 1916	5,198 59
" " 1917	122,435 77
Total Unpaid Taxes—Exhibit "A" .....	\$163,956 32

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 1.

## SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1917.

	Total.	Pledged.	Unpledged.
Balances Unpaid at January 1, 1917 .....	\$135,679 73	\$71,345 30	\$64,334 43
Improvements confirmed and assessed in 1917:			
No. Name. Confirmation Date. 1917.			
259 Cross Street Concrete Sidewalk .....	Feb. 5	\$ 516 53	
262 Alva Street Pavement and Curb .....	" 5	4,572 42	
263 Columbus Street Pavement and Curb .....	" 5	4,558 67	
264 Edison Street Pavement and Curb .....	" 5	5,653 34	
269 Baldwin Place Concrete Sidewalk .....	" 5	295 91	
254 Newark Avenue Concrete Curb and Gutter.....	Mar. 5	4,323 56	
257 Waverly Terrace Curb and Pavement .....	" 5	4,767 16	
249 Essex Avenue Sidewalk .....	June 4	60 58	
272 Broad Street Sewer Connections .....	" 4	3,836 67	
275 Alva Street Sewer Connections .....	" 4	352 58	
276 Columbus Street Sewer Connections .....	" 4	280 00	
277 Edison Street Sewer Connections .....	Nov.	420 00	
		29,637 42	29,637 42
		\$165,317 15	\$71,345 30
Cash received on account of Assessments .....	\$ 53,616 32	\$23,961 15	\$29,655 17
Cancellation of Lackawanna Place Opening Assessments .....	10,155 00	10,155 00	
Total Credits .....	\$ 63,771 32	\$34,116 15	\$29,655 17
Balances Unpaid at December 31, 1917—Exhibit "A" .....	\$101,545 83	\$37,229 15	\$64,316 68

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 2.

# STATEMENT OF SINKING FUND ACCOUNT

December 31, 1917.

## Cash in Banks—Schedule No. 4A:

Bloomfield National Bank .....	\$ 18,511 94
Bloomfield Trust Company .....	30,445 84
	<u>\$ 48,957 78</u>

## Securities:

### Town of Bloomfield Bonds:

Park Bonds —15M at cost.....	\$ 14,700 00
Water Bonds—56M at cost.....	56,000 00
School Bonds—33M at cost.....	33,000 00

\$103,700 00

Subscriptions to Second Liberty Loan.....	\$15,000 00
Less—Unpaid Subscriptions .....	6,000 00 9,000 00

Total Securities ..... 112,700 00

Total Cash and Securities in Sinking Fund ..... \$161,657 78

Amount due from Town ..... 9 36

\$161,667 14

## SUMMARY.

For Improvement Bonds—1913 .....	\$ 68,897 94
For General Town Fund .....	30,803 65
For Funding Bonds—1915 .....	22,459 75

Total General Town—Exhibit "A" ..... \$122,161 34

For Water Department Bonds—Exhibit "F" ..... 39,505 80

\$161,667 14

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 4.

# SINKING FUND COMMISSION STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DIS- BURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

Cash in Banks—January 1, 1917 ..... \$ 62,584 08

## Receipts:

Appropriation by Town Council—1917 .....	\$12,000 00
Collections of Pledged Assessments and Interest.....	29,438 31
Special Appropriation for Funding Bonds of 1915..	9,500 00
For redemption of Funding Bonds of 1915 .....	23,000 00
For payment of Interest on Funding Bonds of 1915	10,732 50
For Water Department Proportion .....	5,866 66
Loans to Town Council repaid .....	30,000 00

## Interest:

On Bank Balances .....	\$ 1,132 07
On Investments .....	3,670 00
On Loans .....	266 66
	<u>5,068 73</u>
	<u>125,606 20</u>
	<u>\$188,190 28</u>

## Disbursements:

Redemption of School Bonds, Nos. 99 to 102 .....	\$ 4,000 00
Redemption of School Bonds, Nos. 6 and 7 .....	2,000 00
Redemption of School Bond, No. 152 .....	1,000 00
Redemption of Improvement Bonds, Nos. 61 to 80	20,000 00
Redemption of Funding Bonds of 1915, Nos. 23	
to 45 .....	23,000 00
	<u>\$50,000 00</u>

## Payment of Interest:

Improvement Bonds .....	\$ 6,500 00
Funding Bonds of 1915 .....	10,732 50

17,232 50

Loans to Town of Bloomfield ..... 30,000 00

## Investments:

Town of Bloomfield, N. J., School	
Bonds—June 1, 1917 .....	\$33,000 00
Second Liberty Loan Bonds .....	9,000 00
	<u>42,000 00</u>
	<u>139,232 50</u>

## Cash in Banks, Dec. 31, 1917—Schedule No. 4:

Bloomfield Trust Company .....	\$30,445 84
Bloomfield National Bank .....	18,511 94

\$ 48,957 78

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 4A.



# STATEMENT OF NOTES PAYABLE

DECEMBER 31, 1917.

Date.	Purpose.	Notes Outstanding January 1, 1917.	Borrowed in 1917.	Paid in 1917.	Notes Outstanding December 31, 1917.
Dec. 30, 1916—Improvements—Balance of 1915 .....		\$ 8,061 86		*\$ 8,061 86	•
" 30, " —Improvements—1916 .....		46,433 37		* 46,433 37	
" 31, 1917—Improvements—1915 .....			\$ 1,553 84		\$ 1,553 84
" 31, " —Improvements—1916 .....			31,342 88		31,342 88
" 31, " —Improvements—1917 .....			37,106 55		37,106 55
Total Improvement Notes .....		\$ 54,495 23	\$ 70,003 27	\$ 54,495 23	\$ 70,003 27
24 Apr. 7, 1916—Park School Construction Renewal.....		\$20,000 00		†\$ 20,000 00	
June 26, " do. ....		5,000 00		† 5,000 00	
Aug. 26, " " ....		5,000 00		† 5,000 00	
Sept. 9, " " ....		3,000 00		† 3,000 00	
Total School Notes .....		33,000 00		\$ 33,000 00	
Oct. 15, 1917—Anticipation of Taxes.....			\$ 10,000 00	*\$ 10,000 00	
Nov. 30, " do. ....			20,000 00	* 20,000 00.	
Total Anticipation of Tax Notes .....			\$ 30,000 00	\$ 30,000 00	
Dec. 30, 1916—Fire Apparatus.....		\$ 8,000 00			\$ 8,000 00
" 31, 1917 do, .....			\$ 3,000 00		3,000 00
" 31, " —Scavenger Equipment .....			2,900 00		2,900 00
Total Equipment Notes .....		8,000 00	\$ 5,900 00		13,900 00
Total General Town Notes—Exhibit "A" .....		\$ 95,495 23	\$ 105,903 27	\$ 117,495 23	\$ 83,903 27
Apr. 7, 1916—Water Department.....		\$14,000 00			\$14,000 00
Dec. 30, " do. ....		8,500 00			8,500 00
" 31, 1917 " .....			\$ 7,393 79		7,393 79
Total Water Department Notes—Exhibit "F" ....		22,500 00	\$ 7,393 79		29,893 79
Total Notes .....		\$ 117,995 23	\$ 113,297 06	\$ 117,495 23	\$ 113,797 06

\*Dec. 28. †July 2.

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 5.



# STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

	Maturing:	Total.	School.	Street Improve- ments.	General Sewer.	Fire House.	General Improve- ments.	Park.	Water Department.	Funding Bonds 1915.
1918	-----	\$ 50,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ 20,000	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ 22,000
1919	-----	71,000	9,000	5,000	-----	-----	20,000	-----	15,000	23,000
1920	-----	67,000	9,000	7,000	-----	-----	20,000	-----	8,000	23,000
1921	-----	67,000	9,000	7,000	-----	-----	20,000	-----	8,000	23,000
1922	-----	68,000	9,000	7,000	-----	-----	20,000	-----	8,000	24,000
1923	-----	67,000	9,000	7,000	-----	-----	20,000	-----	8,000	23,000
1924	-----	73,000	9,000	7,000	-----	25,000	-----	-----	8,000	24,000
1925	-----	47,000	9,000	7,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	23,000
1926	-----	32,000	14,000	7,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	3,000
1927	-----	35,000	17,000	7,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	3,000
1928	-----	35,000	17,000	7,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	3,000
1929	-----	35,000	17,000	7,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	3,000
1930	-----	83,000	17,000	-----	50,000	-----	-----	5,000	8,000	3,000
1931	-----	31,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,000	8,000	3,000
1932	-----	31,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,000	8,000	3,000
1933	-----	31,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,000	8,000	3,000
1934	-----	31,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,000	8,000	3,000
1935	-----	31,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	5,000	8,000	3,000
1936	-----	25,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	2,000
1937	-----	24,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,000	1,000
1938	-----	18,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,000	1,000
1939	-----	16,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,000
1940	-----	17,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,000
1941	-----	46,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	30,000	-----	1,000
1942	-----	16,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,000
1943	-----	16,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,000
1944	-----	17,000	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,000
1945	-----	17,000	16,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,000
1946	-----	14,000	14,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1947	-----	12,000	12,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1948	-----	12,000	12,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1949	-----	11,000	11,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1950	-----	11,000	11,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1951	-----	13,000	13,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1952	-----	13,000	13,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1953	-----	8,500	8,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1954	-----	8,000	8,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1955	-----	8,000	8,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1956	-----	8,000	8,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1957	-----	8,000	8,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1958	-----	8,000	8,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		<u>\$1,231,500</u>	<u>\$513,500</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$161,000</u>	<u>\$227,000</u>

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 6.

# STATEMENT OF TOWN PROPERTIES.

December 31, 1917.

## Schools:

High School No. 1 (Park Grammar) .....	\$ 70,000 00	
Berkeley School .....	96,646 06	
Brookside School .....	62,000 00	
Brookdale School .....	53,839 87	
Carteret School .....	45,000 00	
Center School .....	55,500 00	
Fairview School .....	62,700 00	
Watsessing School .....	65,250 00	
High School No. 2 .....	236,458 74	
		\$ 747,394 67

## Fire Houses:

Orange Street Hose House .....	\$ 2,725 00	
Active Hose Lot .....	450 00	
Brookdale Hose House .....	4,425 06	
Central Fire House .....	24,692 21	
Excelsior Hose House .....	2,500 00	
Montgomery Hose House .....	5,378 35	
		40,170 62

## Public Parks:

Broad, Beach, Liberty, and Park Places .....	\$ 52,000 00	
Broad and Beach Streets .....	7,900 00	
Broad Street—No. 1 .....	3,000 00	
Broad Street—No. 2 .....	1,800 00	
New Park .....	59,849 29	
Second Ward Park .....	6,756 30	
		131,305 59

## Roads and Sewers:

Roads .....	\$282,169 28	
Sewers .....	235,972 32	
Bloomfield Avenue Sewer .....	8,000 00	
Union Outlet Sewer .....	51,000 00	
		577,141 60

## Miscellaneous Properties:

Bloomfield Avenue Sewer Outlet Lot .....	\$ 824 15	
Newark Avenue Lot .....	400 00	
Poor House .....	1,100 00	
Halcyon Park Lot .....	517 51	
Town Hall Property .....	11,500 00	
Smith Property .....	595 19	
Henn Property .....	1,289 18	
		16,226 03

Total—Exhibit "A" ..... \$1,512,238 51

Exhibit "A"—Schedule No. 3.

## SUMMARY.

School Bonds .....	\$ 513,500	
Street Improvement Bonds .....	75,000	
General Sewer Bonds .....	50,000	
Fire House Bonds .....	25,000	
General Improvement Bonds .....	120,000	
Park Bonds .....	60,000	
Funding Bonds, 1915:		
General Town .....	\$ 212,000	
Water Department .....	15,000	
		227,000
Water Department Bonds .....	161,000	
Total Bonded Indebtedness:		
General Town—Exhibit "A" .....	\$1,055,500	
Water Department—Exhibit "F" .....	176,000	
		\$1,231,500



# STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES UNDER APPROPRIATIONS

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

## Police Department:

Salaries .....	\$26,940 00	
Rent .....	75 00	
Light .....	156 00	
Fuel .....	91 60	
Traffic Lights .....	104 55	
Supplies .....	220 02	
Furniture and Equipment .....	808 88	
Widows' Pensions .....	480 00	
Pipe Line Patrol .....	1,399 25	
Miscellaneous .....	410 43	
		\$ 30,685 73

## Fire Department:

Salaries .....	\$ 8,952 93	
Equipment and Supplies .....	603 98	
Gasolene and Oils .....	284 15	
Light .....	413 02	
Fuel .....	698 32	
Stable Expense .....	518 95	
Repairs .....	63 73	
Fire Alarm System .....	2,372 48	
Miscellaneous .....	512 24	
		14,419 80

## Street Lighting:

Arc .....	\$ 8,907 76	
Incandescent .....	12,412 18	
Bridges .....	344 28	
		21,664 22

## Care of Poor:

Overseer .....	\$ 600 00	
Town House .....	2,063 50	
Outside Relief .....	1,461 40	
New Jersey Board of Children's Guardians .....	141 30	
Miscellaneous .....	197 50	
		4,463 70

## Streets and Highways:

Superintendence .....	\$ 1,200 00	
Labor .....	6,901 37	
Teaming .....	4,276 25	
Crushed Stone .....	6,129 18	
Road Oil .....	3,512 16	
Road Material .....	313 06	
Tools and Machinery .....	71 25	
Repairs to Machinery and Tools .....	305 10	
Supplies .....	2 50	
Fuel .....	105 15	
Miscellaneous .....	97 65	
		22,913 67

## General Expenditures:

Services of Town Clerk, Collector, Bookkeeper, Treasurer, Councilmen, Assessors, etc. ....	\$11,216 98	
Stamped Envelopes and Postage .....	556 46	
Telephone .....	322 24	
Advertising .....	1,383 92	
Blank Books and Stationery .....	301 94	
Light .....	97 07	
Office Supplies .....	253 94	
Election Expenses .....	84 90	
Legal Expenses, including Attorney's Salary .....	1,280 30	
Miscellaneous .....	15,354 76	
Engineering Department .....	3,801 37	
Scavenger Service .....	5,198 90	
Street Cleaning .....	772 78	
Dogs .....	66 00	
		40,691 56

Sewer .....	5,079 16	
Interest on Notes .....	3,735 77	
Board of Health .....	3,881 50	
Shade Tree Commission .....	3,250 00	
Reserve for Remission of Taxes .....	5,000 00	

## Interest on Bonds:

General Sewer .....	\$ 2,000 00	
Street Improvement .....	3,000 00	
Fire House .....	1,000 00	
Parks .....	2,400 00	
Schools .....	20,688 32	



Funding—Issue of 1915 .....	10,057 50
Sinking Fund .....	39,145 82
Police Pension Fund .....	12,000 00
Board of Education .....	1,025 00
	99,900 00

Total—Exhibit "B" .....\$307,855 93

Exhibit "B"—Schedule No. 7.

## BOARD OF HEALTH

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

#### Receipts:

From Town—1917 Appropriation .....	\$3,500 00
From Town—Special Appropriation for 1916 Bills .....	381 50
From Other Sources:	
Plumbers' Plans .....	258 00
Milkmen's Licenses .....	98 00
Scavenger Licenses .....	15 00
Fines .....	110 00
Examination of Dogs' Brains .....	10 00
Fumigation .....	5 00
Interest on Bank Balance .....	5 94

Total Receipts by Treasurer .....\$4,383 44

#### Disbursements:

##### Dr. J. C. Saile:

Salary .....	\$1,080 00
Recording and Reporting Vital Sta-	
tistics and Diseases .....	201 13
Expenses .....	105 83

\$1,386 96

Clerical Assistance .....	528 00
Rent .....	205 00
Legal Services and Expenses .....	204 10
Commissioners' Services .....	170 00
Telephone .....	104 10
Typewriting and Stationery .....	122 26
Livery and Carfare .....	122 00
Surety Bond .....	5 00
Consultations and Services .....	75 00
Antitoxin and Disinfectants .....	60 13
Examination of Cultures .....	163 40
Office Fixtures .....	239 30
Moving Safe .....	30 00
Lettering Office Door .....	4 50
Removing and Replacing Glass .....	10 00

Analysis of Town Water .....	25 00	
Examination of Dogs' Brains .....	20 00	
		\$3,474 75
1916 Bills paid:		
Legal Services and Expenses .....	\$ 101 66	
Telephone .....	11 79	
Stationery .....	1 94	
Livery and Carfare .....	27 00	
Supplies for Quarantined Families .....	27 81	
Consultation and Services .....	40 00	
Antitoxin and Disinfectants .....	36 00	
Examination of Cultures .....	135 30	
		381 50
Total Disbursements .....		3,856 25
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements.....	\$ 527 19	
Balance on hand—January 1, 1917 .....	21 96	
Balance on hand—December 31, 1917 .....	\$ 549 15	
Exhibit "D"		

## SHADE TREE COMMISSION

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

Balance, Cash on Hand—January 1, 1917 .....	\$ 928 64	
Receipts:		
Appropriation for 1917 .....	3,250 00	
Received from Frank Foster, Collector .....	891 10	
Bank Interest on Balances .....	10 77	
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	4 50	
		\$5,085 01
Disbursements:		
Account No. 1—New Trees, transplanting guards, etc.	\$1,766 76	
Account No. 2—Maintenance of New Trees planted		
by the Commission .....	3,247 10	5,013 86
Balance—being Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1917:		
Account No. 1 .....	\$ 55 54	
Account No. 2 .....	15 61	
		\$ 71 15
Exhibit "E"		



# WATER DEPARTMENT—STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

ASSETS.		Dec. 31, 1917.	Dec. 31, 1916.	Increase.
Current Assets:				
Cash .....		\$ 25,446 57	\$ 19,441 06	\$ 6,005 51
Accounts Receivable:				
Water .....	\$13,125 59			
Miscellaneous .....	674 91			
House Connection Assessments .....	3,259 00			
		17,059 50	15,343 49	1,716 01
Expenditures on House Connections not yet assessed .....		1,905 56	1,826 44	79 12
Inventories .....		5,291 06	4,120 84	1,170 22
Deposit with Essex County Board of Freeholders .....			315 00	* 315 00
Total Current Assets .....		\$ 49,702 69	\$ 41,046 83	\$ 8,655 86
Capital Assets:				
Water Plant .....		\$233,448 34	\$226,051 18	\$ 7,397 16
Sinking Fund:				
In hands of Commissioners .....	\$39,505 80			
Due from Water Department (see contra) .....	5,866 66	45,372 45	38,252 87	7,119 59
Total Capital Assets .....		\$278,820 80	\$264,304 05	\$14,516 75
		\$328,523 49	\$305,350 88	\$23,172 61

## LIABILITIES.

Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable .....		\$ 11,669 12	\$ 13,695 23	*\$ 2,026 11
Accrued Interest on Bonds .....		1,554 38	1,554 38	
Accrued Interest on Notes .....		209 12	143 11	66 01
Notes Payable—Schedule No. 5 .....		29,893 79	22,500 00	7,393 79
Amount due Sinking Fund (see contra) .....		5,866 66	5,866 66	
House Connections paid in advance .....		27 60	87 70	* 60 10
Total Current Liabilities .....		\$ 49,220 67	\$ 43,847 08	\$ 5,373 59
Capital Liabilities:				
Bonded Indebtedness—Schedule No. 6 .....		\$176,000 00	\$176,000 00	\$ .....
Reserve for Depreciation .....		38,172 15	32,520 87	5,651 28
Total Capital Liabilities and Reserves .....		\$214,172 15	\$208,520 87	\$ 5,651 28
Surplus—Exhibit "H" .....		\$ 65,130 67	\$ 52,982 93	\$12,147 74
		\$328,523 49	\$305,350 88	\$23,172 61

Exhibit "F"



# WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

Revenue:	
Water Rates:	
Metered Service .....	\$36,926 42
Unmetered Service .....	38,778 01
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Special Service—Permits .....	\$75,704 43
	538 27
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	\$76,242 70
Miscellaneous Revenue:	
Fines .....	\$ 191 89
Special Main Extensions .....	80 00
Profit on House Service Connections .....	455 84
Profit on Meter Sales .....	291 66
Adjustment of Inventories .....	441 44
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	1,460 83
Total Revenue .....	<hr/>
	\$77,703 53
Expenses of Operation and Administration:	
Water .....	\$47,317 40
Distribution System Expenses .....	1,644 48
Repairs to Distribution System .....	1,531 21
General Repairs .....	25 65
Storehouse and Stable Expense .....	745 14
Undistributed Labor .....	73 90
Salaries:	
Superintendent .....	\$1,500 00
Collector's Office .....	850 00
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	2,350 00
Miscellaneous Administration Expense .....	108 50
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Total Operating Expenses .....	53,796 28
Profit on Operation .....	<hr/>
	\$23,907 25
Other Expenses:	
Interest on Bonds .....	\$ 7,395 00
Interest on Notes .....	661 62
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	8,056 62
Profit for year exclusive of Depreciation .....	<hr/>
	\$15,850 63
Depreciation of Plant—2½% of \$226,051.18 .....	5,651 28
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Net Profit for 1916 .....	\$10,199 35
Income from Interest on Sinking Fund .....	1,254 83
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Net Revenue to Surplus—Exhibit "H" .....	\$11,454 18

Exhibit "G"

# WATER DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

For the Year ended December 31, 1917.

Receipts—	
Water Service .....	\$ 74,852 39
Miscellaneous Repairs and Meter Pits, etc. ....	643 42
Miscellaneous Permits .....	538 27
Meter Sales .....	617 50
Special Main Extension .....	80 00
House Connections—Accounts Receivable .....	3,155 95
House Connections—Special .....	1,967 95
Miscellaneous Sales .....	191 89
Refund from Material and Supplies .....	133 00
Interest on House Service Connection Assessments .....	1 90
Deposit with Essex County Board of Freeholders returned .....	315 00
Borrowed on Notes .....	7,393 79
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Total Receipts .....	\$ 89,891 06
Cash in Banks—January 1, 1917 .....	19,441 06
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	\$109,332 12
Disbursements—	
Water .....	\$ 36,344 10
Labor .....	8,075 02
Material and Supplies .....	7,851 67
Salaries:	
Superintendent .....	\$ 1,500 00
Collector's Office .....	850 00
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	2,350 00
Office Expense and Postage .....	108 50
Meters .....	901 68
General Equipment .....	34 07
Store and Stable Expense .....	513 57
Distribution Mains .....	23 37
Distribution Expense .....	32 62
Refund to Consumer .....	1 12
General Repairs .....	25 65
Special House Service Connection .....	74 23
Interest on Bonds:	
Accrued—December 31, 1916 .....	\$ 1,554 38
1917 Interest .....	5,840 62
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	7,395 00
Interest on Notes for 1916 .....	143 11
Interest on Notes for 1917 .....	452 50
Accounts Payable—1915 .....	13,692 68
Sinking Fund—1916 Contribution .....	5,866 66
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Total Disbursements .....	\$ 83,885 55
Cash in Banks—December 31, 1917 .....	25,446 57
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	\$109,332 12

# WATER DEPARTMENT

## STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

January 1 to December 31, 1917.

Surplus—January 1, 1917 .....	\$52,982 93
Increase in 1917:	
Net Revenue for Year—Exhibit "G" .....	\$11,454 18
Other Additions to Surplus .....	693 56
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	12,147 74
Surplus—December 31, 1917—Exhibit "F" .....	\$65,130 67

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## AUDITORS' COMMENTS

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## GENERAL TOWN

### Cash:

The cash on hand at December 31, 1917, was as follows:

#### In Treasurer's Bank Accounts:

Bloomfield National Bank .....	\$46,084 22
Watsessing Bank .....	5,193 73
Bloomfield Trust Company .....	5,494 46
	\$56,772 41
Less—Outstanding Checks .....	4,855 61

#### In Collector's Hands:

In Banks and on Hand .....	\$51,916 80
	3,107 '09

Total Cash—December 31, 1917 .....

#### Representing:

General Town —Exhibit "A" .....	\$29,577 32
Water Department—Exhibit "F" .....	25,446 57
	\$55,023 89

The cash received by the various departments has been checked with their records, and the receipt of these funds by the Treasurer and deposit thereof by him has been verified. The disbursements by the Treasurer have been proved by inspection of the paid warrants. These disbursements were further verified with the approved vouchers, pay rolls and other instruments evidencing the indebtedness. The balances on deposit at the end of the year have been proved with the pass books and statements of the depositories. The cash balance of the Water Department is included in the Balance Sheet of that Department—Exhibit "F."

### Unpaid Taxes:

The detail by years is shown on Schedule No. 1. Against these amounts there has been provided from tax levies a reserve amounting at the close of the year 1917 to \$20,687.26.

In checking the outstanding taxes shown on the 1917 duplicate at December 31, 1917, we found the total was less than the amount called for by the General Ledger by \$37.58.

### Due From Borough of Glen Ridge:

This represents the sum due from the Borough of Glen Ridge for maintenance of the Union Outlet Sewer, being 29% of the charge to the Town of Bloomfield by the City of Orange. This charge covers the period of fifteen months to December 31, 1917.

### Shade Tree Commission Overpayment \$23.00:

This represents an amount collected on the Shade Tree Assessments prior to 1915 which was retained by the Town and is not payable to the Shade Tree

Commission. Through error, payment was made to it, but will be deducted from the first collections in 1918 payable to the Commission.

### Shade Tree Commission Assessments:

These are the unpaid amounts due on 1911 to 1914 Assessments. In the payment made during 1917 by the Board of Education of a number of these Assessments, they failed to include several items amounting to \$55.00. This matter should be called to their attention as it was evidently their intention when making payment to include all Assessments against them.

### General Sewer Assessments:

The balances due on the General Sewer Assessments have been reduced during the year by \$164.96, leaving the amount now due of \$378.63.

### Improvement Assessments:

A considerable increase in the collections on Improvement Assessments has occurred during the year. However, there is still considerable work to be done along this line.

The advance expenses on several proposed improvements carried in the account "Improvement Costs," but which improvements were not made, have been written off against the Revenue Surplus. These items are as follows:

248 Conger Street, Sidewalk .....	\$10 91
258 Prospect Street, Bluestone Sidewalk .....	10 65
270 Prospect Street, Concrete Sidewalk .....	28 22
271 Maple Street, Curb .....	10 91
274 Mechanic Street, Opening .....	25 00
282 Berkeley Avenue, Sidewalk .....	11 43
	\$97 12

A further adjustment was made in regard to the Lackawanna Place Opening Assessments and Awards. For several years the books showed a liability of the Town for Awards in connection with the Lackawanna Place Opening. We are informed that these Awards are not due by the Town and should be written off. Also certain Assessments under the same improvement against property owners are not due to the Town and should be written off. In this report we have made these adjustments, although the Council has not made specific authorization therefor, and the entries have not been made upon the books. These Awards and Assessments which should be canceled from the books are as follows:

	Awards.	Assessments.
D., L. & W. R. R. Company .....	\$12,954 80	\$6,175 00
Fannie F. Lewis .....	1,148 00	1,661 00
Estate of G. M. Cadmus .....		25 00
Hudson Rolling Mill .....		100 00
	\$14,102 80	\$7,961 00

The Council has already authorized the cancelation of the Assessment and Award now upon the books against the name of Blanchard & Price, settlement having been made by them and accepted by the Town.



### Accounts Payable:

Under this caption we have classified the amounts due at the end of the year to distinguish between the sundry bills chargeable against appropriations and the amounts chargeable against Improvement accounts; also the amount due to the Sinking Fund Commission resulting from an error in the monthly accounting for collections on Pledged Assessments.

The amounts shown as Sundry Accounts Payable represents mostly bills which, although not rendered until after the end of the year, were upon outstanding orders at that time and are strictly charges against the 1917 appropriations.

### Reserve for Remission of Taxes:

This reserve has been increased during the year by \$8,922.17, provided as follows:

Increase by charge against incidental appropriations .....	\$ 5,000 00
Increase by excess of taxes levied over appropriations .....	4,701 31
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	\$ 9,701 31
Less—Excess of remissions over additions on 1916 levy made subsequent to January 1, 1917 .....	779 14
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Net Increase in Reserve .....	\$ 8,922 17
Balance of Reserve at January 1, 1917 .....	11,765 09
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Balance of Reserve at December 31, 1917 .....	\$20,687 26

### Reserve for Property Expense:

This represents the amount collected during the year for rent of the "Henn" property which the Town purchased at a tax sale in 1916. This is reserved against any expenses which the Town may be called upon to pay in carrying this property.

### Town Properties:

The Town properties have been decreased during the year by the sale of the "Power" property which was acquired by the Town at a tax sale in 1916.

### Automobile Fire Apparatus:

The book value of the two motor trucks carried in this account has been decreased by 10% of the cost of the apparatus representing the estimated depreciation for the year amounting to \$1,350.

The apparatus rebuilt during the year at a cost of \$3,594.50 has been written down by the amount paid from the incidental appropriation of \$594.50. The balance of the cost, or \$3,000, has been added to the Automobile Fire Apparatus account. A note has been issued by the Town to refund the treasury for this outlay of \$3,000 for Capital account.

### Scavenger Equipment:

The equipment purchased for the Scavenger Department is carried as a Capital Asset. The original cost was written down by the amount paid from

incidental appropriation and the balance was set up as the value of this Scavenger Equipment at the close of the year.

### Sinking Fund Commission Account:

We have audited the receipts and disbursements of the Sinking Fund Commission and find all receipts properly accounted for and all disbursements supported by proper evidences of payment.

In auditing the General Town accounts we found that the Sinking Fund Commission should have received \$9.36 more from collections on pledged assessments and interest than was paid to it. This error will be rectified in 1918.

We find that the Sinking Fund Deficiency on Term Bonds has increased during the year by \$1,895.16, making the deficiency now \$58,734.90. This arises in the following manner:

Sinking Fund Requirement at December 31, 1916 .....	\$81,724 32
Requirement for 1917:	
Interest at 3½% on \$81,724.32 .....	\$ 2,860 35
Annual Appropriation required .....	4,953 88
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	7,814 23
Requirement at December 31, 1917 .....	\$89,538 55
Amount in Sinking Fund at December 31, 1917:	
Balance at December 31, 1916 .....	\$24,884 58
Interest earned during 1917 .....	919 07
Appropriation for 1917 .....	5,000 00
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Total in Sinking Fund for Term Bonds December 31, 1917 .....	30,803 65
Deficiency at December 31, 1917 .....	\$58,734 90
Deficiency at December 31, 1916 .....	56,839 74
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Increase in Deficiency .....	\$ 1,895 16

New investments were made during the year by the purchase of \$33,000 of Town of Bloomfield School Bonds at par and a subscription to \$15,000 of Liberty Loan Bonds on which \$9,000 had been paid at the end of the year.

### Bonded Indebtedness:

The indebtedness of the Town on bonds was decreased during the year by .....

This represents a retirement of bonds as follows:

School Bonds .....	\$ 7,000 00
Funding Bonds of 1915 .....	23,000 00
Improvement Funding Bonds of 1913 .....	20,000 00
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	\$50,000 00
Less—School Bonds Issued .....	33,000 00
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Net Decrease of Bonded Indebtedness .....	\$17,000 00

We would draw your attention to the fact that there were outstanding at



December 31, 1917, Improvement Bonds of 1913 amounting to.....\$120,000 03  
 The balance of Assessments Pledged against these is.....\$37,229 15  
 and the amount in Sinking Fund is ..... 68,897 94

a total of .....\$106,127 09

The principal cause of this difference is the cancelation of Pledged Assessments on Lackawanna Place Opening of \$10,155, as mentioned on a foregoing page of these comments. Interest paid on these bonds has also exceeded the interest received on the Pledged Assessments. Interest on the assessments is, of course, accumulating, but it is difficult to tell how much interest has accrued at any particular date and whether the total when fully collected will be sufficient to make up the deficiency.

### Statement of Revenue and Expenditures:

This statement shows the Revenue from taxes levied for General Town expenditures for the year and the Miscellaneous Revenue available in addition to taxes. On the other side are shown the Expenditures from the various appropriations made therefor, the net result showing that the total expenditures were less than the appropriations by \$14,270.70. The expenditures as above on this exhibit include the amount of outstanding orders for goods delivered but not billed at the end of the year. A classified statement of expenditures is shown on Schedule No. 7.

The difference between the excess of Revenue over Expenditures.....\$18,972 01 and the Unexpended Balances of Appropriations which were transferred to Revenue Surplus, Exhibit "C" ..... 14,270 70 represents the excess of Taxes levied over Appropriations which were credited to Reserve for Remission of Taxes as already mentioned.....\$ 4,701 31

No specific action of the Council authorized this treatment but it is in accord with the procedure followed at the close of the year 1916. It should be mentioned in connection with this statement of Miscellaneous Revenue that the figures do not include a Moving Picture License Fee due in 1917 but not received until after the close of the year, nor unpaid charges for Scavenger Service.

## WATER DEPARTMENT

### Accounts Receivable:

The balance at December 31, 1917, from Water Consumers is made up as follows:

Balance per Water Duplicate .....	\$10,154 71
Estimated Accrued Meter Service .....	3,000 00
	<u>\$13,154 71</u>
The Ledger balance is .....	13,125 59
A difference of .....	\$ 29 12

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable are mostly for 1917 repairs and other service; a small amount, however, represents 1916 accounts and one item of \$12.00 represents an amount from a consumer but the record does not show the name of the person. This should be further examined and if the amount proves uncollectible the charge should be canceled.

### Inventories:

We have verified the footings and extensions of the inventories, but have accepted the quantities and prices as submitted to us.

### Reserve for Depreciation:

This Reserve has been increased from \$32,520.87 at December 31, 1916, to \$38,172.15 at December 31, 1917, or \$5,651.28. This amount is calculated at the rate of 2½% on the book value of the Plant at January 1, 1917, of \$226,051.18. No action of the Town Council has been taken to authorize this depreciation, but it has been considered proper to follow the practice of former years.

### Sinking Fund:

The Sinking Fund for the redemption of Water Bonds has increased during the year as follows:

Amount actually in Sinking Fund—December 31, 1916 .....	\$32,386 21
Amount due for 1916 but paid in 1917 .....	5,866 66
Amount of Sinking Fund per Water Books—Dec. 31, 1916.....	\$38,252 87
Interest received on Sinking Fund Assets applicable to Water Bonds for 1917 .....	1,252 93
Amount actually in Sinking Fund—Dec. 31, 1917 .....	\$39,505 80
Amount due for 1917 (figured as for 1916) .....	5,866 66
Amount of Sinking Fund per Water Books—Dec. 31, 1917.....	\$45,373 46
The Sinking Fund requirement to Dec. 31, 1916, was .....	\$41,859 28
Requirement for 1917:	
Interest at 3½% on \$41,859.28 .....	\$ 1,465 07
Annual Appropriation .....	5,253 85
	<u>6,718 92</u>
Sinking Fund Requirement—Dec. 31, 1917 .....	\$48,578 20

Amount of Sinking Fund—December 31, 1917:

Amount at December 31, 1916 .....	\$38,252 87
Interest for year 1917 .....	1,252 93
Amount due for 1917 .....	5,866 66
	<u>45,372 46</u>

Deficiency at December 31, 1917 .....\$ 3,205 74

Since there are sufficient funds in hand belonging to the Water Department, we see no reason why the entire deficiency should not be paid to the Sinking Fund in 1918.

**Revenue and Expenditure:**

A summary of the results of operations for 1917 and 1916 would be as follows:

	1917.	1916.	Increase.
Gross Profit on Operations .....	\$23,907 25	\$20,801 84	\$3,105 41
Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	8,056 62	8,004 39	52 23
	<u>\$15,850 63</u>	<u>\$12,797 45</u>	<u>\$3,053 18</u>
Depreciation of Plant .....	5,651 28	5,510 22	141 06
	<u>\$10,199 35</u>	<u>\$ 7,287 23</u>	<u>\$2,912 12</u>
Income from Interest on Sinking Fund .....	1,254 83	1,050 34	204 49
	<u>\$11,454 18</u>	<u>\$ 8,337 57</u>	<u>\$3,116 61</u>
Net Revenue to Surplus .....			

**Municipal Water Service:**

The cost of water supplied to Schools and for other municipal purposes is included in the expenses of the Department, but no revenue is derived therefrom, and therefore does not enter into the income as shown in this report.

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REPORTS OF  
FRANK FOSTER, COLLECTOR  
RAYMOND F. DAVIS, TOWN CLERK  
HARRY L. OSBORNE, TOWN TREASURER  
SINKING FUND  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

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# REPORT OF FRANK FOSTER, COLLECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

## Receipts—

Taxes with interest and costs .....	\$428,228 57
House Connections with interest .....	2,358 25
Interest on Bank Deposits .....	401 56
General Sewer with interest .....	330 81
Tax searches .....	971 00
Builders' Permits .....	1,680 50
Rent .....	150 00
Shade Trees .....	1,005 10
Sewer Repairs .....	28 50
Commissioners' Searches .....	278 74
Redemption of Property .....	2,761 56
Rebate on Collector's Bond .....	23 75
Loan to Shade Tree Commission .....	500 00
Picture License .....	200 00
Dead Horse .....	3 00
Franchise Tax .....	15,147 85
Scavenger .....	90 92
2 Berkeley Ave. Sewer .....	13 60
7 Belleville Ave. Drain .....	90 00
18 Montgomery St. Sewer .....	9 00
19 Llewellyn Ave. Road .....	42 50
23 Locust Ave. Sewer .....	36 00
31 Linden Ave. Improvement .....	48 80
34 State St. Sewer .....	64 35
35 State St. Sewer .....	10 92
36 Broad St. Sewer .....	78 48
37 Glenwood Walk and Curb .....	140 79
39 Broad St. Sidewalk .....	80 66
40 Broad St. Sidewalk No. 2 .....	80 98
42 Bloomfield Ave. Sidewalk .....	93 94
44 Myrtle Ave. Improvement .....	209 58
45 Jerome Place Telford .....	107 25
47 Olive St. Telford .....	33 49
48 Llewellyn Ave. Curb and Sidewalk .....	65 00
49 Berkeley Ave. Sewer .....	17 38
53 Newark Ave. Cement Walk .....	148 15
54 Spruce St. Walk .....	14 52
56 West St. Grading .....	11 70
57 Newark Ave. Stone Walk .....	125 24
59 Almira St. Walk .....	8 60

62 Berkeley Ave. Walk .....	19 15
63 Berkeley Telford .....	61 55
64 Bloomfield Ave. Sewer A .....	94 00
65 Bloomfield Ave. Sewer B .....	171 25
66 Liberty St. Drain .....	52 70
67 James St. Walk .....	370 98
68 Carteret St. Grading .....	92 91
69 Porter Place Telford .....	56 16
70 Fulton and Morse Sewer .....	630 74
72 New St. Walk .....	89 76
73 Olive St. Walk .....	79 86
74 Maple St. Walk .....	69 76
75 Weaver Ave. Sewer .....	76 18
77 Brookside Telford and Curb .....	53 48
78 Watsessing Ave. Walk .....	92 98
80 Evergreen Ave. Opening .....	388 55
82 Fulton, Morse Telford .....	899 52
84 Morse Opening .....	7 60
86 Ella St. Walk and Curb .....	4 82
88 Smith and Liberty Sewer .....	2 67
90 Oakland Ave. Walk and Curb .....	42 00
91 Liberty St. Walk .....	24 66
92 Clearfield Ave. Sewer .....	28 76
94 Fulton Curb and Walk .....	587 31
95 Lenox Terrace Opening .....	136 54
97 Stockton St. Walk .....	25 20
98 Walnut St. Walk .....	23 91
99 Berkeley Ave. Walk .....	34 33
100 Montgomery St. Walk .....	284 47
102 Fulton St. Opening .....	152 77
103 Brookside Walk .....	26 29
104 Liberty St. Curb .....	78 22
105 Stockton St. Walk .....	6 74
107 Edgewood Telford .....	14 10
108 Roosevelt Opening .....	217 64
111 Clinton St. Opening .....	21 04
112 Ashland Ave. Sewer .....	493 36
114 Cleveland Opening .....	3 88
117 Baldwin Place Sewer .....	12 10
122 Lackawanna Opening .....	747 66
123 Roosevelt Telford .....	869 60
124 Roosevelt Sewer .....	147 90
125 Clearfield Telford .....	169 07
127 Berkeley Ave. Curb .....	21 97
129 Ashland Curb and Gutter .....	205 02

130 Evergreen Curb and Gutter .....	945 04
131 Roosevelt Curb and Gutter .....	813 58
132 Clinton St. Curb and Walk .....	197 45
134 Crown St. Curb and Walk .....	59 55
136 Clearfield Curb and Walk .....	162 07
137 Evergreen Telford .....	1,012 32
142 Ashland Telford .....	221 97
143 Clinton St. Telford .....	164 00
145 Willett St. Walk .....	77 50
146 .....	
147 Watsessing Drain .....	778 87
148 James St. Drain No. 1 .....	101 68
154 Oak St. Sewer .....	68 00
155 Clinton St. Walk .....	7 48
156 Morse Ave. Walk .....	8 47
159 Berkeley Ave. Walk .....	10 00
162 Cleveland Ter. Sewer .....	106 56
168 Race St. Walk .....	307 17
169 James St. Drain No. 2 .....	17 67
173 Carteret St. Walk .....	45 41
174 Willard Ave. Curb and Gutter .....	142 54
175 Maolis and Glenwood Drain .....	150 70
176 Perome Place Walk and Curb .....	218 53
177 Weaver Ave. Walk .....	82 39
178 Cedar St. Walk .....	45 00
181 Williamson Ave. Walk and Curb .....	117 63
182 Hinrichs Place Walk .....	31 93
183 Morse Ave. Grading .....	816 61
184 Charles St. Walk and Curb .....	87 57
185 Delaware Ave. Curb and Gutter .....	293 80
186 Grace St. Curb and Gutter .....	66 85
187 Molter Place Walk and Curb .....	34 40
188 Prospect St. Walk .....	23 10
189 Watsessing Pavement and Curb .....	181 55
190 Orange St. Pavement and Curb .....	425 15
192 Willow St. Pavement and Curb .....	901 18
193 Dodd St. Curb .....	39 00
194 Lake St. Grading .....	209 68
195 Lackawanna Place Pavement .....	2,133 72
196 Washington St. Pavement and Curb .....	921 82
197 Delaware Ave. Pavement .....	338 87
198 Charles St. Pavement .....	209 60
199 Glenwood Pavement and Curb .....	2,526 40
202 Ella St. Drain .....	90 13
204 Lake St. Walk .....	108 07



209 Franklin St. Curb .....	59 68
211 Willow St. Walk .....	124 82
212 Dodd St. Pavement .....	353 92
213 Olive St. Curb and Gutter .....	123 26
217 West St. Walk .....	6 40
220 Franklin Ave. Sewer .....	305 54
221 Bloomfield Ave. Curb .....	1,040 19
222 Chapman St. Sewer .....	83 91
224 Lake St. Curb and Gutter .....	1,109 45
225 Lake St. Telford .....	184 04
226 Bay Ave. Sewer .....	95 00
227 Maolis Ave. Curb and Gutter .....	42 43
228 Spring St. Sewer .....	9 34
231 Orange St. Walk .....	11 19
232 Halcyon Park Drain .....	100 33
233 Myrtle Ave. Curb .....	10 86
234 Eighteenth St. Pavement .....	3,224 84
235 Eighteenth St. Pavement .....	1,143 68
236 Willow St. Curb .....	134 27
239 Orchard St. Curb and Gutter .....	212 94
241 Davey St. Curb .....	93 70
243 Newark Ave. Walk .....	114 31
244 Newark Ave. Sewer .....	66 23
245 James St. Sewer .....	250 15
246 Berkeley Ave. Curb and Gutter .....	1,703 58
247 Harrison St. Walk and Curb .....	461 18
250 Belleville Ave. Sewer .....	27 65
251 Grove St. Pavement .....	9,039 63
252 Belmont Ave. Pavement and Curb .....	842 02
254 Newark Ave. Curb and Gutter .....	1,796 74
256 Davey St. Concrete Walk .....	104 19
257 Waverley Terrace Pavement and Curb .....	736 48
259 Cross St. Sidewalk .....	171 67
262 Alva St. Pavement and Curb .....	1,340 00
263 Columbus St. Pavement .....	859 44
264 Edison St. Pavement .....	1,592 71
269 Baldwin Place Sidewalk .....	211 41
272 Broad St. Sewer Connections .....	1,828 00
275 Alva St. Sewer Connections .....	160 00
276 Columbus St. Sewer Connections .....	80 00
277 Edison St. Sewer Connections .....	120 00
Interest on Pledged Account .....	5,521 32
Interest—Not Pledged .....	4,093 29
Water Collections .....	82,364 27

Disbursements—	
Paid County Collector .....	\$157,772 43
Paid H. L. Osborne, Treas. ....	441,861 84
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	\$599,635 27    \$599,635 27

## 1916 TAXES.

Receipts—	
Amount of Duplicate .....	\$441,443 05
Amount of Additions .....	563 77
Amount of Interest Collected .....	5 56
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	\$442,012 38

Disbursements—	
By Deduction .....	\$ 847 08
By Paid County Collector .....	157,773 43
By Paid Town Treasurer .....	159,060 71
Uncollected .....	124,331 16
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	\$442,012 38

## Amount of Taxes with interest and costs collected during the Year—

Year.	Tax.	Interest.	Costs.	Total.
1878 .....	\$ 48 28	.....	\$ 4 58	
1879 .....	29 30	.....	4 58	
1880 .....	46 55	.....	3 66	
1881 .....	27 84	.....	1 83	
1882 .....	42 44	.....	3 66	
1883 .....	30 74	.....	1 83	
1884 .....	31 61	.....	1 83	
1886 .....	33 79	.....	1 83	
1887 .....	34 37	.....	1 83	
1888 .....	39 15	.....	1 83	
1889 .....	37 12	.....	1 83	
1890 .....	36 54	.....	1 83	
1891 .....	36 25	.....	1 83	
1892 .....	40 02	.....	1 83	
1893 .....	37 99	.....	1 83	
1894 .....	53 39	.....	3 66	
1895 .....	16 10	.....	1 83	
1896 .....	19 04	.....	4 58	
1897 .....	21 21	.....	4 58	
1898 .....	19 86	.....	9 16	
1899 .....	28 14	.....	10 99	

1900 .....	26 25	8 24	
1901 .....	88 76	11 90	
1902 .....	98 15	11 53	
1903 .....	185 45	23 03	
1904 .....	177 41	14 21	
1905 .....	162 66	11 76	
1906 .....	135 32	11 76	
1907 .....	189 60	14 70	
1908 .....	243 48	18 62	
1909 .....	265 54	16 17	
1910 .....	281 52	16 17	
1911 .....	320 15	24 01	
1912 .....	275 73	14 70	
1913 .....	321 30	19 09	
1914 .....	387 89	23 50	
1915 .....	621 74	35 48	
1916 .....	101,007 93	2,030 43	676 04
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	\$105,498 61	\$4,880 09	\$1,015 73
1917 .....	316,828 58	5 56	\$428,228 57
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	\$422,327 19	\$4,885 65	

#### GENERAL SEWER ACCOUNT.

To Unpaid Last Report .....	\$543 59
To Interest Collected .....	165 85
By Paid H. L. Osborne .....	\$330 81
Uncollected .....	378 63
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	\$709 44      \$709 44

#### WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

Water Rents .....	\$74,852 39
Main Extension .....	80 00
Meters Sold .....	676 50
Articles Sold .....	45 09
Special Taps .....	1,942 10
Taps .....	3,187 59
Meter Pits .....	65 00
Repairs .....	476 33
Special Permits .....	538 27

Fines .....	155 00
Junk .....	31 00
Road Board Deposit .....	315 00

Paid H. L. Osborne, Treasurer .....\$82,364 27    \$82,364 27  
Respectfully submitted,

FRANK FOSTER, *Collector.*



# REPORT OF RAYMOND F. DAVIS, TOWN CLERK

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

## Receipts—

For Car License (Bloomfield Avenue) .....	\$ 620 00
Track License (Crosstown) .....	1,114 20
Peddlers' Licenses .....	325 00
Junkmen's Licenses .....	121 00
Dog Licenses .....	1,245 25
Excise Licenses .....	10,000 00
Hackmen's Licenses .....	30 00
Rental Firehouses for Election .....	150 00
Transfer and Advertising Fee for Flaherty's Excise License— Granted .....	26 00
Sale of Wagon .....	40 00
Sale of Firehouse Supplies .....	5 00
Return Premium on Insurance .....	3 75
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Excess Payment to Treasurer .....	\$13,681 20
	7 50
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Less excess paid to Town Treasurer, December, 1916 .....	\$13,688 70
	31 00
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Paid to Harry L. Osborne, Treasurer .....	\$13,657 70

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

## GENERAL TOWN ACCOUNT.

## Receipts—

To Balance January 1, 1917—General Town Account.....	\$ 34,674 69
To Balance January 1, 1917—Water Account .....	19,441 06
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	\$ 54,115 75

## From Frank Foster, Collector:

Taxes, Interest, and Costs .....	\$270,455 14
Assessments and Interest due Sinking Fund .....	29,438 31
Water Department Receipts .....	82,364 27
Shade Tree Receipts—	
Paid to Shade Tree Commission.....	\$891 10
Town's share .....	114 00
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	1,005 10
Assessments and Interest Collected .....	33,612 12
Building Permits .....	1,680 50
Interest on Daily Balances .....	401 56
Municipal Searches .....	971 00
General Sewer Assessments and Interest .....	330 81
Moving Picture Licenses .....	200 00
Franchise Tax .....	15,147 85
House Connections with Interest .....	2,358 25
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	3,896 93
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	441,861 84

## From Raymond F. Davis, Town Clerk:

Public Service Car Licenses 1917.....	\$ 620 00
Public Service—For Crosstown Track Li- censes 1917 .....	1,114 20
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	1,734 20
Peddlers' Licenses .....	325 00
Dog Licenses .....	1,217 25
Junkmen's Licenses .....	126 50
Excise Licenses .....	10,000 00
Hackmen's Licenses .....	30 00
Sale of Old Fire Wagon .....	40 00
Return Insurance Premium .....	3 75
Rent—Firehouses for Election Purposes .....	150 00

Excise Transfer Fee and Advertisement .....	26 00	
Sale of Old Fire Supplies .....	5 00	
		<u>13,657 70</u>
		\$509,635 29
Interest received on Bank Balances .....		848 80
From Charles B. Gurney, Police Court Fines .....		857 00
From Bloomfield Sinking Fund Commission for purchase of School Bonds .....	\$33,000 00	
Accrued Interest .....	110 00	
		<u>33,110 00</u>
Bills Payable .....		114,487 08
		<u>\$658,938 17</u>

#### Disbursements—

Water Account .....	\$ 83,752 55
Incidental Account .....	33,338 96
Police Account .....	30,550 03
Fire Account .....	13,970 65
Road Account .....	22,800 17
Poor Account .....	4,103 76
Sewer Account .....	3,981 19
Bond Interest Account .....	38,737 50
Sinking Fund Appropriation .....	12,000 00
Retirement of Funding Bonds due .....	23,000 00
Board of Health Appropriation .....	3,881 50
Shade Tree Appropriation .....	3,250 00
Street Lighting Account .....	19,816 96
Sinking Fund Pledged Assessment .....	29,438 31
Interest Account .....	3,042 69
Accounts Payable .....	4,016 19
Shade Tree Receipts .....	891 10
Sundry Improvement Account .....	35,964 69
Glen Ridge Sewer Account .....	58 81
Police Pension Appropriation .....	1,025 00
School Appropriation .....	99,900 00
School Notes Redeemed .....	33,000 00
Fire Apparatus Account .....	3,594 50
1917 Apportionment of Fire Apparatus .....	594 50
1917 Apportionment of Scavenger Equipment .....	595 52
Town Properties bought .....	4,614 47
Account of 1915 Funding Bonds .....	9,500 00
Bills Payable .....	84,495 23

Dec. 31, 1917—Balance Water Account .....	\$25,446 57
Dec. 31, 1917—Balance General Town Account .....	29,577 32
	<u>55,023 89</u>
	\$658,938 17

#### BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT.

Receipts—	
Balance January 1, 1917 .....	\$ 21 96
To Appropriation 1917 .....	3,881 50
To Cash from Dr. Jos. C. Saile, Health Inspector .....	496 00
To Miscellaneous Receipts—Interest Received .....	5 94
	<u>\$ 4,405 40</u>
Disbursements—	
By Paid Warrants .....	\$ 3,856 25
By Balance .....	549 15
	<u>\$ 4,405 40</u>

#### SINKING FUND COMMISSION.

Receipts—	
To Balance, January 1, 1917 .....	\$ 62,584 08
To Appropriation, 1917 .....	\$12,000 00
On Account of Funding Bonds, 1915 .....	9,500 00
	<u>21,500 00</u>
From Frank Foster, Collector—	
Receipts and Pledged Improvements, 1917 .....	29,438 31
From Town Council—	
For Funding Bonds, due May 15, 1917 .....	23,000 00
For Interest on General Funding Bonds .....	\$ 5,625 00
	<u>5,107 50</u>
	10,732 50
Water Department Sinking Fund—1916 Account .....	5,866 66
Interest Received—	
Daily Balances .....	\$ 1,132 07
Investments—Bonds .....	3,780 00
Town Loans .....	266 66
	<u>5,178 73</u>
	\$158,300 28
Disbursements—	
By Payment of—	
School Bonds Matured .....	\$ 7,000 00
Funding Improvement Bonds Matured .....	20,000 00



General Fund Bonds Matured .....	23,000 00	
		50,000 00
Interest on Bonds .....		17,232 50
Purchase of 33,000 Town of Bloomfield School Bonds.....	\$33,000 00	
Accrued Interest .....	110 00	
		33,110 00
Payment on Account of \$15,000 Second Issue Liberty Bonds .....		9,000 00
By Balance .....		48,957 78
		<u>\$158,300 28</u>

#### SHADE TREE COMISSION.

Receipts—		
Balance January 1, 1917 .....	\$	928 64
To Amount received from the Town Council, Town of Bloomfield		
—Appropriation .....		3,250 00
To Amount received from Frank Foster, Collector .....		891 10
To Amount Received—Miscellaneous Receipts .....		4 50
To Interest received .....		10 77
		<u>\$ 5,085 01</u>
Disbursements—		
By Warrants Paid .....	\$	5,013 86
By Balance .....		71 15
		<u>\$ 5,085 01</u>

#### POLICE PENSION FUND.

Balance January 1, 1917 .....	\$	5,290 22
To General Tax Levy from Town .....		1,025 00
To Deductions from Officers' Salaries .....		255 60
To Interest received .....		214 39
		<u>6,785 21</u>
Balance on hand .....	\$	6,785 21

#### 1917 SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Receipts—		
January 1, 1917—To Balance .....	\$	40,067 32
To Apportionment of State School Money .....		90,262 92
To Apportionment by Town of Bloomfield .....		99,900 00
To Amount received from State of New Jersey Manual Training		
Account .....		5,000 00
To Tuition Account .....		746 75
To Interest received .....		613 63
To Miscellaneous Receipts—Manual Training .....		290 79

To General Miscellaneous Receipts .....	270 50
To Library Account .....	90 00
To Rent Account .....	20 00
To Deposits from Evening School, not returned .....	182 75
To Sundry Receipts from Principals .....	178 94
To Sale of Old Books .....	65 10
	<u>\$237,688 70</u>

Disbursements—	
By Paid Warrants .....	\$197,742 82
By Balance December 31, 1917 .....	39,945 88
	<u>\$237,688 70</u>

#### BONDED INDEBTEDNESS—JANUARY 1, 1918.

School Bonds .....	\$ 369,500 00
School Funding Bonds .....	144,000 00
General Funding Bonds .....	212,000 00
Improvement Funding Bonds .....	120,000 00
Water Bonds .....	176,000 00
Street Improvement Bonds .....	75,000 00
Park Bonds .....	60,000 00
General Sewer Bonds .....	50,000 00
Firehouse Bonds .....	25,000 00
	<u>\$1,231,500 00</u>

#### Outstanding Notes:

General Improvement Purposes .....	\$70,003 27
Water Construction Purposes .....	29,893 79
Automobile Fire Apparatus .....	11,000 00
Scavenger Equipment .....	2,900 00
	<u>113,797 06</u>
	<u>\$1,345,297 06</u>

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. OSBORNE, *Town Treasurer.*

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

*To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, N. J.:*

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the requirements of the town governing the Fire Department, I have the honor as Chief Engineer to present to your Honorable Body my fifth annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1917, showing the number of alarms responded to, location and causes thereof, also the names of the officers and men of each company.

## MANUAL FORCE.

The force of the department consists of one chief, three assistant chiefs, six foremen, and six assistant foremen.

Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 .....	2 officers and	23 men
Phoenix Hose Company No. 1 .....	2 " "	16 "
Active Hose Company No. 2 .....	2 " "	19 "
Excelsior Hose Company No. 3 .....	2 " "	19 "
Montgomery Hose Company No. 4 .....	2 " "	13 "
Brookdale Hose Company No. 5 .....	2 " "	19 "
Total .....	12 " "	109 "

During the year 1917 the Department has responded to forty-seven box alarms and fifty-one still alarms and has been on duty forty-seven hours and twenty-three minutes.

Loss by fire during the year .....	\$ 18,442 00
Insurance Paid .....	17,857 00
Amount of Insurance .....	111,900 00

## ROLL OF MEMBERS.

Following is a complete list of officers and members of the Department:

George H. Westervelt, First Assistant Engineer.

Howard Eveland, Second Assistant Engineer.

Arthur Krenrich, Third Assistant Engineer.

Essex Hook and Ladder Company No. 1—Frank Brueche, Foreman; Harry H. White, Assistant Foreman; Davis R. Mitchell, S. P. Gilbert, Thomas Hayes, Charles Hildebrandt, Arthur Krenrich, John Jaeger, A. Loppacker, B. M. Decker, John Moye, Charles Hall, M. J. Zink, Iver Ellor, Fred E. Cástor, H. F. Behrman, Frank A. Osmun, S. E. Morton, Raymond F. Davis, A. Leuthauser, A. L. Martin, Charles Harrington, Thomas Jackson, A. L. Martin, and Edwin Leaycraft.

Phoenix Hose Company No. 1—John Whelan, Foreman; William Maher, Assistant Foreman; George Bohr, Frank Wissner, John Hauser, Archie Heath,

Wm. Drew, Myron Van Riper, B. L. Dann, B. F. Higgins, Chris Braun, Fred Roberts, Thos. Cogan, Samuel Westervelt, Wm. B. Douglas, Thos. Coffey, Wm. Leary, and Earl Leaycraft.

Active Hose Company No. 2—Jesse Schofield, Foreman; Fred Schofield, Assistant Foreman; William Murath, F. L. O'Brien, A. F. Olsen, L. Olsen, H. C. Eveland, Wm. Milford, John Ashworth, John Albinson, A. Schleif, W. Mills, Wm. Madison, Wm. Gussner, Geo. Durning, Thos. Gussner, John Durning, M. Halpin, J. F. Cooney, and L. Samuel.

Excelsior Hose Company No. 3—Chas. J. Ernst, Foreman; Roy Rawson, Assistant Foreman; John Bailey, Chas. Havens, Wm. Florus, Wm. Cripes, Ed. Jaeger, Robert Rawson, Geo. Davis, Chris Buck, Peter Wiessmann, James Cockefair, Geo. E. Koeber, August Spatz, Wm. Garner, Chris Jacobus, Robert Yuengling, John Yackel, Wm. Morris, Geo. Mortimer, Robert Brady.

Montgomery Hose Company No. 4—John Cobyack, Foreman; Geo. French, Assistant Foreman; Geo. Westervelt, Ed. Sanok, Charles Garrett, Harry Greder, Charles Hanily, Moses Hewitt, Adam Young, Joseph Buck, Michael Lally, Gus Schmigelski, John Finan, Wm. Krach, and James H. Hopping.

Brookdale Hose Company No. 5—Henry Campbell, Foreman; Borden Howland, Assistant Foreman; Fred Brokaw, H. Davidson, Theo. Jones, Robert Axt, Joseph Miller, James Campbell, Fred Stimis, F. B. Harvey, Edward Laycock, F. Van Dessel, Frank Peters, Walter Newport, C. Speller, A. G. Cockefair, Wm. Parsons, Wm. Ungemah, A. R. Fisher, W. H. Peters, F. P. Davidson.

## FIRE-ALARM BOXES.

Box No.	Location.
14	Sprague Electric Works—Private Box.
15	Westinghouse Lamp Company—Private Box.
16	Empire Cream Separator Work—Private Box.
18	Austin Place and Fremont Street.
19	Newark Avenue and Harrison Street.
22	Montgomery and John Streets.
23	Park Avenue and State Street.
24	Franklin and Montgomery Streets.
25	Park Place and Monroe Place.
26	Liberty Street and Spruce Street.
27	Montgomery Street and Williamson Avenue.
28	Orchard Street and Erie R. R. Station.
29	Franklin Street and Berkeley Avenue.
32	Bloomfield Avenue and Ella Street.
33	Consolidated Safety Pin Company—Private Box.
34	Beach Street and Walnut Street.
35	Bloomfield Avenue and Liberty Street.
36	Washington Street and Glenwood Avenue.



- 37 Bloomfield Avenue and Orange Street.
- 38 Bloomfield and Watsessing Avenues.
- 39 Bloomfield Avenue and Grove Street.
- 41 Oakes Woolen Mill—Private Box.
- 42 Belleville Avenue and Morton Street.
- 43 Broad Street and Bay Avenue.
- 44 Franklin and Bay Avenues.
- 45 Broad Street and James Street.
- 46 Essex Avenue and Baldwin Street.
- 47 Broad Street and Maple Street.
- 48 Belleville Avenue and Oak Street.
- 49 Belleville and Williamson Avenues.
- \*51 Broad Street and Sunset Avenue.
- 52 Morris and Myrtle Avenues.
- 53 Belleville Avenue and Broad Street.
- 54 Broad Street and Watchung Avenue.
- 55 Broad Street and West Passaic Avenue.
- \*56 Broad Street and Belleville Avenue.
- \*57 Broad Street and Alexander Avenue.
- \*58 East Passaic Avenue and Day Street.
- \*59 East Passaic Avenue and Watchung Avenue.
- 61 Orange Street and Roosevelt Avenue.
- 62 Ella and Cross Streets.
- 63 Linden and Ashland Avenues.
- 64 Glenwood and Evergreen Avenues.
- 65 Wiggin's Factory, Watsessing—Private Box.
- 66 Washington and Thomas Streets.
- 67 Glenwood and Linden Avenues.
- 68 Prospect and Willow Streets.
- 69 Watsessing Center.
- 71 Edison Factory—Private Box.
- 72 International Arms & Fuze Company—Private Box.
- 73 Willard Avenue.
- 74 Berkeley Avenue and Cedar Street.
- 75 Condensite Company—Private Box.
- 96 Lennox Terrace and Morse Avenue.
- 7-7-7 Relief Call.

The transmitter in Police Station can be used for sending in an alarm by call L. D. Phone 1084.

Boxes marked (\*) must be telephoned to the Police Station, as no boxes are installed as yet.

#### FIRE-ALARM SYSTEM.

During the past year, the Fire-Alarm System has been satisfactory to a

great extent, with three exceptions, these being three false alarms, due to crossing of wires, and while system was being repaired.

The transmitter at Police Headquarters has given satisfactory service, when that part of the system necessitated sending in alarms, which was not very often, due to the fact that most all alarms were either telephoned to fire headquarters, or sent by box signal.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The Water Supply Department during the past year has been very satisfactory. At all fires, the water pressure was very good. There are many locations in the town where hydrants, if placed, could be used to good advantage.

We now have 453 hydrants connected to the Water System. More hydrants in congested districts could be used to good advantage.

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF COSTS.

During the year 1917 hook and ladder truck has answered 43 alarms and has travelled 86 4-10 miles, using 110 gallons of gasoline and 12 gallons of oil, at the total cost of \$28.76.

The cost of maintaining the triple combination engine at Headquarters is as follows: Machine has travelled 198 8-10 miles; used 262 gallons of gasoline and 20 gallons of oil, at the total cost of \$656.24.

The cost of maintaining the chemical and hose auto at Active Hose House No. 2 is as follows: Machine has travelled 80 miles; used 115 gallons of gasoline and 15 gallons of oil, total cost \$31.00.

The cost of maintaining horses at Excelsior Hose Company No. 3 and Montgomery Hose Company No. 4 has been: feed \$322.39, shoeing \$68.00.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body the following requirements, which are necessary for efficient service:

- 1st. It is absolutely necessary that two additional men be installed at Central Fire Headquarters.
- 2nd. That one additional man be installed in Active Hose Company No. 2.
- 3rd. That four men be installed at Excelsior Hose Company No. 3 on the arrival of the new fire apparatus.
- 4th. That, having figured out the cost of the volunteer system which is now in vogue, I find that if the department had a part paid and part call system, the service would be wonderfully improved.
- 5th. During the past year, I have found that owing to many inspections of factories and fire houses, it would be profitable to the town to purchase a small automobile for the use of the Chief, thereby saving much time.
- 6th. I also recommend that a fire-alarm box be installed at Ackerman Street and Myrtle Avenue.



- 7th. That new swinging doors be placed on the front of the Central Fire House; also the painting of the inside and outside of the building; also new swinging doors be placed at Active Hose Company No. 2.
- 8th. I would also recommend that an up-to-date storage battery system for the fire alarm be installed instead of the present system.
- 9th. Also that an Edison Rectifier be purchased for the purpose of recharging the batteries on the motor apparatus. This is *absolutely essential*.

In conclusion of the foregoing report, I would state that the Department has had more fires in the year 1917 than in 1916, with no loss of life. The year 1917 has had more fire-alarms than in any year of the Department.

During the past year, the Department has used the following equipment, viz.:

3 gal. fire extinguishers, 45 times.  
 40 gal. chemical tank, 4 times.  
 35 gal. chemical tank, 9 times.  
 594 feet of ladders.  
 2250 feet of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch chemical hose.  
 4700 feet of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose.  
 2 rubber covers.

In submitting this my annual report of the fifth year as Chief Engineer, I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the courtesy extended to me by the Mayor and Council, the Chairman of the Fire Committee, the officers and members of the Department (both paid and volunteer), the Police Department, the Superintendent of Fire Alarm, and the Assistant Chiefs.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. KOEBER, *Chief Engineer*.

Bloomfield, N. J., January 19, 1918.

## REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

*To the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Bloomfield, New Jersey:*

GENTLEMEN: The Shade Tree Commission have the honor to submit herewith their report for the year 1917, being the eighth annual report of this Department.

We feel progress was made during 1917, but it was quite limited, due to lack of funds to execute the plans made by Commission at beginning of the year.

The elm leaf beetle continued its work of destruction among the elm trees during past year, and on account of not being in possession of proper machines, we could only spray 523 trees. Unfortunately there remains quite a number of elm and maple trees that are in a precarious condition, a fact that we believe is not generally appreciated or realized by the public. We could not use the spraying machine belonging to the town. It is the intention of the Commission to do everything possible to preserve our trees and we request your cordial co-operation. It must be borne in mind this Commission only has jurisdiction over street trees and cannot look after the many trees on private property.

### THE PARKS, THE GREEN, SECOND WARD, HALCYON PARK.

A covering of manure was spread on the lawns of these parks during the spring which greatly strengthened their growth. This fertilizer should be spread annually for several seasons and we are giving special attention to our parks, owing to their being the estate of the entire public, and nothing adds more to the attractiveness of a town, or city, than these bright spots. There is still much to be done in these parks to bring them to a proper showing. We are indebted to the Town Improvement Association for their continued planting of plants in various parts of town, at its own expense.

With continued interest of your Honorable Body, and assistance of the general public, we feel, as our work is progressing at present, that within five years we will have the Town of Bloomfield one of the beauty spots of the State.

During the spring of 1917, we raised and distributed to the public through Board of Education more than 25,000 miscellaneous vegetable plants, and during the spring of 1918, we will increase this amount.

Your Commissioners respectfully ask that Council familiarize itself with the laws governing the Shade Tree Commission and duties imposed upon us.



## NEW TREE PLANTING.

We set 144 new trees on following streets:

Street.	Specie.	Number.
Lake Street.....	Maple	37
Crown ".....	"	17
Willow ".....	"	18
Willett ".....	"	51
Hickory ".....	"	20
Franklin ".....	"	1

We replaced 18 young trees that died from various causes.

The total number of trees set by this Commission in the eight years of its existence is 2,844.

During 1917 permits were issued to individuals for planting 9 young trees.

In 79 large trees we cemented 107 small and 25 big holes.

We removed 25 trees and 3 stumps. A number of trees must be removed, which will be done as soon as possible.

We trimmed 1,200 young trees and watered 287.

Due to increased cost of material, etc., the average assessment for trees planted this year was \$4.00.

## CARE OF YOUNG TREES.

It is the duty of this Commission to watch the growth of young trees carefully and aid in its rapid development, which means various operations are necessary, such as trimming, mulching and spraying. Ample provisions should be made in the budget from year to year for this character of work.

## CARE OF OLD TREES.

During 1917, 447 trees were trimmed and 1,047 limbs removed. There are a great many limbs to be removed, which will be done as soon as funds are available for this work.

## NURSERY TREES.

Our nursery stock is growing satisfactorily. We are moving some of this stock to Glendale Cemetery grounds, having received permission for use of an undeveloped tract. We have the following young trees:

2,000 Norway Maple Trees,
250 Sugar Maple "
24 White Pine "
100 Ash "
200 Linden "
2 Catalpa "
1,000 Norway Maple Seedlings.

This Commission represents the interest of the public in the trees and parks, but is not unmindful of the property owner. We are ready at all times to aid the public in the care of their trees, when in funds.

In closing we respectfully ask that Council give careful consideration to our budget for 1918.

We commend Mr. Mueller and the men employed by us for the faithful manner in which they have performed their work.

The financial report of this Commission for 1917 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY G. HENDRICKS,  
WALTER ELLOR,  
ROBERT MARONEY,

*Commissioners.*

## RECEIPTS—ACCOUNT NO. 1.

January 1, 1917—Balance .....	\$ 928 64
Deposit by Tax Collector with Town Treasurer .....	89 68
By Sale—Large Trees and Labor .....	213 55
Removing Trees (1917).....	200 00
Planting (1917).....	572 00
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	\$2,808 87

## RECEIPTS—ACCOUNT NO. 2.

January 1, 1917—Balance .....	\$ 1 02
Appropriation (1917) .....	3,250 00
Halcyon Park Associaton .....	4 50
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	\$3,255 52
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	\$6,064 39

## DISBURSEMENTS—ACCOUNT NO. 1.

New Tree Plantings .....	\$1,198 76
Return Loan .....	500 00
Removing Trees .....	200 00
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	\$1,898 76

## DISBURSEMENTS—ACCOUNT NO. 2.

Maintenance Young Trees .....	\$ 209 50
Care Parks, Shade Trees, Nursery, and General Expenses .....	2,996 60
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	3,206 10
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	\$5,104 86
Balance .....	959 53
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	\$6,064 39

## BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	
Office Equipment .....	\$ 45 00
Tools .....	200 00
By Large Trees and Labor .....	213 55
By Removal Trees and Labor .....	200 00
By Planting (1917) .....	572 00
By Tree Guards .....	100 00
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	\$1,330 55
Nursery Account .....	500 00
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	\$1,830 55
Liabilities—	
(1917) Town of Bloomfield .....	\$1,830 55

## CASH ACCOUNT IN DETAIL.

## RECEIPTS—ACCOUNT NO. 1.

By 1917 Plantings .....	\$ 572 00
By Large Trees and Labor .....	213 55
By Cost Removing Trees (1917) .....	200 00
Balance December 31, 1916 .....	928 64
Tax Collector with Town Treasurer .....	894 68
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	\$2,808 87

## DISBURSEMENTS—ACCOUNT NO. 1.

For Trees and Labor .....	\$1,000 00
Top Soil .....	50 00
Guards .....	83 17
Rubber .....	40 59
Stakes .....	25 00
Return Loan .....	500 00
Removing Trees .....	200 00
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	\$1,898 76
Balance .....	910 11
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	\$2,808 87

## RECEIPTS—ACCOUNT NO. 2.

Appropriation .....	\$3,250 00
Halcyon Park Associaton .....	4 50
Balance December 31, 1917 .....	1 02
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	\$3,255 52

## DISBURSEMENTS—ACCOUNT NO. 2.

Labor, Young Trees .....	\$ 209 50
Advertising .....	7 74
Labor, Green .....	647 42
Labor, Second Ward Park .....	578 42
Labor, Halcyon Park .....	368 15
Nursery Work .....	231 38
Manure .....	279 40
Spraying .....	250 28
Grass Seed .....	18 12
Top Soil for Green .....	20 25
Trimming Shade Trees .....	417 60
Cementing Trees .....	85 12
Carting Branches .....	29 25
Office Expenses .....	24 67
Tools and Repairs .....	38 01
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	\$3,205 10
Balance .....	50 42
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	\$3,255 52

## NURSERY ACCOUNT.

Disbursements—\$231.38.
Trees on hand:
2,000 Norway Maples.
24 White Pine.
250 Sugar Maples.
100 Ash.
2 Catalpa.
1,000 Norway Maple Seedlings.
Miscellaneous lot of shrubs.